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SYSTEM FOR STABILIZING A PORTION	)	
OF THE SPINE	)	February 28, 2008

**AMENDMENT WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated September 20, 2007, and Advisory Action dated December 28, 2007, please find enclosed a Request for Continued Examination along with an extension of time for two months to February 28, 2008 and fees for the same. The extension of time is calculated from the mailing date of the Advisory Action since a response to the Final Office Action was submitted on November 20, 2007, within two months of the mailing date of the Final Office Action. No additional fees or extensions of time are believed due for consideration of this response. However, please provide any additional extensions of time necessary and charge any fees which may be due, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 12-2424, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

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